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INFO AMEMBASSY CARACAS

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SUBJ: TROPICAL PRODUCTS CONSULTATION-VENEZUELA

REF: MTN GENEV 6688

1. US MTN DEL HELD CONSULTATIONS JAN 21 WITH VENEZUELAN  
MTN DEL(AMB MARTINZE-RAMIREZ) ON VENEZUELAN TROPICAL  
PRODUCT (TP) REQUEST LIST. USDEL OUTLINED THREE CATEGORIES  
OF POSSIBLE RESPONSES TO TP REQUESTS, NOTING HIGH  
PROPORTION (5 OF 8) OF PRODUCTS ON VENEZUELAN REQUEST  
LIST FOR TARIFF CONCESSIONS THAT US BELIEVED WOULD BE  
INCLUDED IN CATEGORY 1 (I.E., LIKELY TO TO BE NEGOTIATED  
IN TP GROUP). USDEL ALSO REVIEWED US POSITION ON DE-  
VELOPING COUNTRY CONTRIBUTIONS TO A TP PACKAGE. VENEZUELAN  
DEL THANKED USDEL FOR DETAILED RESPONSE WHICH IT WOULD  
REPORT TO CARACAS AND NOTED IT EXPECTED DELEGATION FROM  
INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN TRADE TO ARRIVE IN GENEVA IN  
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NEAR FUTURE WITH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING VENZUELAN

TP REQUESTS.

2. VENEZUELAN DEL OPENED WITH PRO FORMA STATEMENT ON EXCLUSION FROM US SYSTEM OF GSP AND RELATION FO GSP TO TP NEGOTIATIONS. USDEL REVIEWED STATUS Z OPEC EXCLUSION AMENDMENT AS STATED BY US SPOKESMAN AT RECENT UNCTAD COMMITTEE ON PREFERENCES AND NOTED USG WAS CONSIDERING MFN CONCESSIONS TO REQUESTS IN TP GROUP WHICH WERE NOT RELATED TO UNILATERAL, UNBOUND, AND TEMPORARY GSP TARIFF PREFERENCES.

3. FOLLOWING US PRESENTATION OF NEED FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRY CONTRIBUTIONS TO DEVELOP A SIGNIFICANT TP PACKAGE, VENEZUELAN DEL INTIALLY EXPRESSED INTERPRETATION OF TOKYO DECLARTION REFERENCE TO TROPICAL PRODUCTS AS INVOLVING "NON-RECIPROCITY", I.E., NO LDC RECIPROCITY IN TP GROUP. VENEZUELAN DEL EXPRESSED VIEW LDC CONTRIBUTIONS TO MTN WOULD BE DECIDED AT END OF NEGOTIATIONS WHEN BENEFITS OF NEGOTIATIONS TO LDC'S WERE CLEAR. USDEL REPEATED US POSITION OF NEED FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRY CONTRIBUTIONS TO A TP PACKAGE CONSISTENT WITH PARA 5 OF TOKYO DECLARATION AND INDIVIDUAL TRADE, DEVELOPMENT, AND FINANCIAL NEEDS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. VENZUELAN DEL NOTED US POSITION, WHICH IT WOULD REPORT TO CARACAS, AND NEED TO CONSIDER ITS POSITION ON THIS ISSUE IN RELATION TO REGIONAL AND G-77 POSITIONS.

4. USDEL ALSO NOTED SEVERAL CATEGORY 1 TP PRODUCTS IN WHICH VENEZUELA HAD TRADE INTERESTS BUT WHICH WERE NOT INCLUDED ON VENEZUELA'S TP REQUEST LIST. ON ONE SUCH CATEGOR 1 PRODUCT, TSUS 193.10 TONKA BEANS, VENEZUELA HAD BEEN LEADING US SUPPLIER IN 1974.

5. IN CLOSING, AMB MARTINEZ NOTED HE HAD BEEN NAMED AMBASSADOR TO TUNISIA AND WOULD BE DEPARTING GENEVA IN MARCH. HE IS TO BE REPLACED BY CASTELLANOS WHO IS CURRENTLY SERVING WITH VENEZUELAN CENTRAL BANK AND WHO HAD HAD PREVIOUS GATT AND UNCTAD TRADE EXPERIENCE. FOR CARACAS: US MTN DEL WULD APPRECIATE MAY BIO INFORMATION ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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